GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO PERIYAR WILD LIFE SANCTUARY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sabarimala Temple Development Project is causing ecological threat to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has noticed any environmental impact assessment lost of the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, central assistance has been provided to the State for evolving a holistic Master Plan towards facilitating Sabarimala pilgrim visitation vis-Ã -vis the ecological concerns relating to the Periyar Tiger Reserve. Based on the same, the State commissioned a professional agency and has accepted the Sabarimala Master Plan for implementation.